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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH SYG MILI ON US CANDIDATES FOR ITU POSITIONS

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1. ON FEBRUARY 10, MISSION OFFICERS SPOKE WITH SYG MILO ON BOARD SUBJECT OF MAERICANS IN ITU AND WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO US CANDIDTATE FOR TCD POSTS ADVERTISED BY CIRCULAR LETTER 481. MILI WAS GIVEN US CHART DATED JANUARY 1974 CITING PERCENTAGE OF AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS IN UN AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES AND SHOWING COMPARATIVELY LOW (3,75 PERCENT) US PRESENCE ON ITU PROFESSIONAL STAFF. WE EXPLAINED THAT USG WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE CANDIDATURES OF THOSE AMERICANS WHO APPEAR QUALIFIED FOR ITU SLOTS AND EXPRESSED HOEP THAT ITU WOULD KEEP AMERICAN INTERESTS IN MIND SINCE US CONTINUES TO MAEK SIGNIFICANT OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO ITU OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS (TO WIT, CCIR AND CCITT STUDY GROUPS, CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, ETC.) AND NOTED THAT US CANDIDATES DESERVE EQUAL, FAIR CONSIDERATION IN ITU SELECTION PROCESS.

2. ON CL 481 POSITIONS, WE EXPRESSED USG'S DISSAPPOINTMENT THAT AMERICANS FAILED TO OBTAIN ANY OF THE SIX TCD APPOINTMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION, THOUGH USG CONTRIBUTES UP T 40 PERCENT OF UNDP BUDGET. MILI SEEMED PREPARED TO RESPOND AND HAD PERHAPS BEEN BRIEFED. IN ANY CASE, HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT LUCIEN GORMONT COULD NOT ACCEPT APPOINTMENT. HE ADDED UNCLASSIFIED

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HE PLANS ON BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION OF PANEL OF PERSONNEL

EXPERTS TO PROPOSE SPLITTING TCD EURO-ASIAN DIVISIONS INTO EURO-MIDDLE EAST DIVISION AND ASIAN DIVISION TO JUNE ADMIN COUNCIL. IF COUNCIL CONCURS HE THEN PLANS APPOINT THOMAS FULLER AS PROJECT OFFICER IN NEWLY CREATED EURO-MIDDLE EAST DIVISION. HOWEVER, TIMING OF FULLER'S APPOINTMENT WILL, OF COURSE, DEPEND ON AMIN COUNCIL'S DECISION ON EURO-ASIAN DIVISION SPLIT AND HOW AND WHEN IT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.DALE

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